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SUSPENSION OF HUNGER AND WALKING LONG DISTANCE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Scientists of the Pune University are conducting research at Defence Research and Development Organisation on temporary suspension of hunger and walking long distance without fatigue and also on Kautilya`s notes concerning night vision based on Arthashashtra;

(b) if so, whether they have reached at some conclusions; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Defence Research and Development Organisation has funded a small academic project on `Scientific Investigation of Warfare Practices in Kautilya`s Arthashashtra` at the University of Pune.

(b) & (c): Some plants having potency in alleviating hunger and fatigue of animals have been identified. Research and experimental work are continuing. Night vision is not being investigated.